

5,691,802, U.S. Patent application no. 08/429,970, filed April 27, 1995 and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,808,805 and is currently pending as U.S. reissue application no. 09/764,157, U.S. Patent application no. 08/515,631, filed August 16, 1995 and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,861,997 and is currently pending as U.S. reissue application no. 09/766,486, which correspondingly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(a)-(d) to Japanese patent application no. 5-051718, filed March 12, 1993, Japanese patent application no. 5-137641, filed June 8, 1993, Japanese patent application no. 7-082380, filed April 7, 1995, Japanese patent application no. 8-030978, filed February 19, 1996, Japanese patent application no. 6-271631, filed November 7, 1994, Japanese patent application no. 7-047142, filed March 7, 1995, Japanese patent application no. 7-177858, filed July 14, 1995, Japanese patent application no. 6-090837, filed April 28, 1994, and Japanese patent application no. 6-198350, filed August 23, 1994.--

### **REMARKS**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification has been amended to improve form in the manner prescribed by 37 CFR §1.173. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-58 are pending and have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

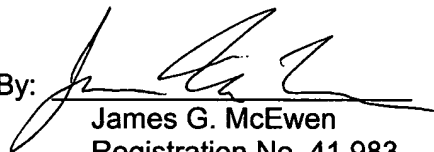
In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any additional fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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